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1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF CONGRESSMAN SCHEUER'S LETTER OF  
FEB 16 TO MINISTER PRONK.

2. QUOTE: DEAR MR. MINISTER:  
MAY I AGAIN EXPRESS MY DEEP APPRECIATION TO YOU FOR PERMITTING  
ME TO INTRUDE ON YOUR BUSY SCHEDULE HOWEVER BRIEFLY.  
ONE FINAL POINT WHICH TIME DID NOT PERMIT ME TO MAKE PERSON-  
ALLY: I VERY MUCH HOPE THAT, IF THE POWERS THAT BE DE-  
CIDE TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE FUND, IT WILL BE A  
MEANINGFUL ONE.

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES, INCLUDING SAUDI ARABIA,  
KUWAIT, AUSTRIA AND OTHERS WHOSE ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS RUN  
IN THE \$1,000 TO \$20,000 CATEGORY. IT WOULD BE HARD FOR AN  
OBJECTIVE OBSERVER CONTEMPLATING THE NEED FOR RESOURCES TO  
HELP THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES COPE WITH THEIR DRUG PROBLEM  
TO CONSIDER CONTRIBUTIONS OF THIS ORDER OF MAGNITUDE SIGNI-  
FICANT.

THERE IS ANOTHER GROUP OF COUNTRIES INCLUDING ENGLAND,  
FRANCE, ITALY, WEST GERMANY AND CANADA WHOSE CONTRIBU-  
TIONS ARE IN THE \$200,000 TO \$500,000 CATEGORY. THE SAME CON-  
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CLUSION COULD WELL BE DRAWN OF CONTRIBUTIONS OF THIS SIZE  
FROM COUNTRIES WITH THEIR POPULATION AND THEIR RESPECTIVE  
LEVELS OF GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT.

OVER THE LAST FOUR YEARS UNFDAC HAS SPEND SOME \$23 MILLION,  
WHICH MEANS THAT IT OPERATES ON AN ANNUAL BUDGET OF APPROX-  
IMATELY \$6 MILLION DOLLARS. THIS IS A PATHETICALLY INADE-  
QUATE BUDGET WHICH IF NOT INCREASED, WILL DOOM UNFDAC. INAS-

MUCH AS THE UNITED STATES ALONE CONTRIBUTED \$18 MILLION OF THE 23 MILLION, THUS ACCOUNTING FOR THREE-QUARTERS OF UNFDAC'S TOTAL FUNDING, THE U.S. CANNOT ITSELF LIFT THE LEVEL OF FUNDING TO THE \$50 TO 100 MILLION RANGE THAT THE ORGANIZATION MUST REACH OVER A PERIOD OF YEARS IF IT IS TO HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT, WITHOUT IT APPEARING THAT UNFDAC WAS A CREATURE OF THE UNITED STATES.

I WOULD VERY MUCH HOPE THAT, IF THE NETHERLANDS WERE TO MAKE A DECISION TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE UNFDAC, SUCH A CONTRIBUTION WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY \$1 MILLION. THE NETHERLANDS AT THE PRESENT TIME CONTRIBUTES SOMEWHAT MORE THAN 1-1/3 PERCENT OF THE REGULAR UN BUDGET. THUS, IF THE NETHERLANDS CONTRIBUTED A MILLION DOLLARS, THIS WOULD BE 1-1/3 PERCENT OF \$75 MILLION. IF UNFDAC IN THE COURSE OF TWO OR THREE YEARS COULD BE FUNDED AT A \$75 MILLION ANNUAL LEVEL, IT COULD PROVE CAPABLE OVER THE NEXT DECADE OF MAKING A VERY REAL IMPACT IN STAUNCHING THE FLOW OF HARD DRUGS FROM THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN A WAY THAT WOULD BE ENTIRELY ACCEPTABLE TO THEM AND WHICH WOULD FORTIFY THE INTEGRITY OF THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC FABRIC OF THEIR SOCIETIES. IF THE OTHER CONTRIBUTING NATIONS WERE TO MATCH THIS GENERAL LEVEL IT IS MY UTTER CONVICTION THAT THE U.S. WOULD INDEED BE WILLING TO PICK UP ITS PRESENT ONE-QUARTER SHARE AND INCREASE ITS PRESENT CONTRIBUTION OF \$6 MILLION TO A \$20 OR 25 MILLION ANNUAL LEVEL. IT IS PERFECTLY SELF-EVIDENT THAT THE NETHERLANDS IS CONTRIBUTING A SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER PERCENTAGE OF ITS GNP FOR DEVELOPMENT AID THAN IS THE U.S. WE ADMIRE AND APPRECIATE YOUR GENEROSITY IN THIS REGARD. WE HOPE VERY MUCH THAT YOU WILL GIVE A "MULTIPLIER EFFECT" TO YOUR GENEROSITY BY INDUCING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OTHER NATIONS TO RAISE THEIR SIGHTS, THROUGH YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO UNFDAC.

PERHAPS YOU MIGHT FIND WAYS OF DIVERTING SOME OF YOUR BILATERAL DEVELOPMENT AID THROUGH UNFDAC IF THIS IS NECESSARY TO MAKE A \$1 MILLION CONTRIBUTION POSSIBLE.

IT IS MY BELIEF THAT SUCH A CONTRIBUTION BY THE NETHERLANDS WOULD HAVE A GALVANIZING EFFECT ON THE OTHER COUNTRIES OF WESTERN EUROPE AND THE OIL RICH ARAB STATES AND HELP THEM RE-EVALUATE THE INADEQUATE LEVEL OF THEIR CURRENT CONTRIBUTIONS. THROUGH SUCH AN ACT THE NETHERLANDS COULD PLAY A CATALYTIC ROLE IN RAISING UNFDAC'S LEVEL OF OPERATIONS TO ONE THAT COULD HOLD OUT THE HOPE OF MAKING MEANINGFUL IMPACT IN HELPING THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES COPE WITH THEIR DANGEROUS DRUG PROBLEMS.

MAY I THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN FOR YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS AND GENEROSITY IN SEEING ME ON SUCH VERY SHORT NOTICE. WITH VERY WARM BEST WISHES.

YOURS, JAMES H. SCHEUER, MEMBER OF CONGRESS  
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